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TO:

Ed Mast, OU6 Project Manager

From:

Neil Holsteen, OU6 Asst. Project Manager

RE:

Rejected Radiological Data in OU6

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The purpose of this memo is to provide a status report of the validation rejected radiological data in the OU6 database. Woodward Clyde Federal Services (WCFS), the OU6 subcontractor for the RFI/RI Work Plan Implementation brought the potential problem to light. Some of the rejected data has been faxed to EG&G/RPM and it is in the process of being reviewed. This data shows that the rejected samples were shipped primarily on one date to one analytical laboratory. The analysis dates are not identical, but fall within a short time span.

The status at this point in time is that there appears to be a significant amount of rad data that has been rejected, primarily in IHSS 141. This is critical due to the limited amount of sampling that was performed in this IHSS. However, until some statistical comparison can be done on rejected samples versus total samples, solid conclusions can not be made. This process will take place in the near future.

Another problem that needs to be addressed is that only about 60% of the data has been validated at this point and there could be a more significant problem of rejected data throughout the database.

In summary, the problems that will be addressed are as follows:

- -Is the number of rejected radiological data in IHSS 141 significant?
- -Is there a problem of rejected radiological data in other IHSS's?
- -Is there a pattern of dates and labs such as observed in IHSS 141?
- -Is this a potential problem for the unvalidated data?



Agenda For Operable Unit 6 (OU6) Meeting Concerning Rejected Radiation Results And Background Comparison Of The OU6 Pond And Stream Sediments.

- 1. Will rejected "R" qualified data be used in any sections of the OU6 Phase I Report?
- 2. If "R" qualified rad data is used what sections of the report will contain "R" qualified data. Will the data be used in the site assessment or risk assessment?
- 3. Assessment by IHSS of amount of "R" qualified data and the impact if the data is not used. Refer to the spreadsheet that breakdowns by IHSS the number of rad samples collected and extent of rejected rad data in each IHSS.
- 4 Specific problems with the rad data have been identified.
 - A. Validated rad results reported as 0.
 - B. Multiple results of rad data for same sample location, number and radionuclide.
 - C. Non-validated rad results.
 - D. Equipment rinsate rejected rad results.
 - E. Surface water rad data.
 - 1. How do we differentiate dissolved from total.
 - Non-validated records.
 - 3. Baseflow and Storm Event samples with no results reported.
 - F. Stream sediments.

A. 190 total records, 156 have not been validated.

5. Background comparison of stream/seep data from 1993 Background Geochemical Characterization Report to OU6 pond and stream sediments.

The following events have evolved over the last six months regarding the usability of rejected radiation sample results. Woodward-Clyde (W-C) identified large amounts of OU6 rad samples that were validated with the rejected "R" qualifier. Ed Mast (EG&G) was informed, he then asked W-C to write their position regarding the use of "R" qualified radiation data. W-C responded in a letter dated January 11, 1994 that was sent to Ed Mast. W-C's position at that time was they would use the data that was deemed usable by an EG&G radiochemist or health physicist. W-C further requested guidance from EG&G regarding this matter.

Karen Schoendaller (EG&G radiochemist) wrote a memorandum, dated March 14, 1994, to Ed Mast regarding the "R" qualified rad data. She stated in the memo that the usability of all radiochemical data is the responsibility of the project manager and other users.

W-C is willing to use "R" qualified rad data, but needs more guidance from EG&G. If it is decided to assess the usability of the rad data, the validation and laboratory reports will be needed.

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